Shrinking earnings from textiles exports

680. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether net export earnings from textiles shrink 3.2 per cent in 2004;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Textile Companies have been increasingly importing raw materials due to dearth of quality goods at low prices in India; and

(c) If so, the remedial steps proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir. As per available Directorate General of Commerce Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) data, the net export earnings from textiles increased during the last three years as given below:

(Value in US$ million)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Textile Export	10764.67	12412.71	13159.52
Textile Import	1539.36	1645.92	2015.34
Net Export Earning	9225.31	10766.80	11144.18
% increase/decrease of net export earning over the previous year		16.7%	3.5%

(b) No, sir. As per latest available Directorate General of Commerce Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) data, the textile imports during the period April-June 2004 have decreased as given below:

	April-June 2003	April-June 2004	% increase/ decrease over the previous year
Textile Imports Of which	471.9	440.0	-6.7%
Imports of Raw material & Semi-Raw material	283.3	230.0	-18.8%

(c) Government is closely monitoring the imports of textile items and would strive to ensure that imports do not cause any serious detriment or injury to the domestic industry.

Assistance under Handloom Export Scheme

681. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of representations of State Governments for assistance under the Handloom Export Schemes are pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof from the year 2001; and

(c) the response of the Central Government with regard to each of the representation received from assistance under the Handloom Export Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Proposals received from the State Government for assistance under the Handloom Export Schemes (the present Handloom Export Scheme and the erstwhile Development of Exportable Products and their marketing Scheme) are examined in the light of the guidelines and parameters laid down in the scheme. Those proposals found to be in conformity with the provisions and guidelines of the scheme have been considered for sanction and release of funds in accordance with the funding pattern and the norms stipulated in this regard. Those not found in conformity with the scheme provisions have been referred back to the concerned State Governments/ agencies/the filed offices of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms for rectification/report/resubmission.

(b) and (c) State-wise details of number of project proposals received, project proposals considered and the deficient proposals referred back to the State/agencies/field bodies for rectification/report/resubmission since 2001-02 onwards under the Handloom Export Scheme, are enclosed as 'Statement'.